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**Attorney Docket No. 033B/US/PCT/US
00537-072005**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
 SHALABY, Shalaby W. et al. :
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APPLICATION NO.: **09/890,013** :
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FILED: **November 15, 2001** :
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FOR: **IONIC MOLECULAR CONJUGATES** :
 OF BIODEGRADABLE POLYESTERS :
 AND BIOACTIVE POLYPEPTIDES :

EXAMINER: **ACQUAH, Samuel A.**
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 6) mailed on
June 5, 2003, the period for response there having been extended
so as to expire on December 5, 2003 pursuant to Applicants'
Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently with this
Reply, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

The present amendments follow the revised format procedure
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